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SUBJECT: W/W - JOHN J. SULLIVAN

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1. STORY BY RAYMOND BONNER ON EL SALVADOR, DATELIDED ZAPOTAL, ELSALVADOR APPEARED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES ON JANUARY 26, 1982. ARTICLE, WHICH IS BEING FORWARDED TO EMBASSY, MENTIONS THE REV ROGELIO PONSEELE, A 42-YEAR-OLD BELGIAN-BORNPRIESTWHO HAS BEEN IN THE MOUNTAINS WITH THE GUERRILAS AND THEIR FAMILIES SINCE CHRISTMAS DAY 1980. SULLIVAN FAMILY BELIEVES THAT THIS INFORMATION ADDS A LAYER OF VALIDITY TO LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 25, 1981 WHICH SAID THAT SULLIVAN WAS MISTAKEN FOR A BELGIAN PRIEST.

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT BONNER AND BELGIAN CONSUL TO DETERMINE IF THEY CAN PROVIDE ANY ADDITION INFORMATION REGARDING THE REV. PONSEELE. STOESSEL

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